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FOR: THE SECRETARY FROM GOHEEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PROLIFERATION: TARAPUR

1. IN REFERENCE TO YOUR PENDING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAJPAYEE IN PARIS, THE QUESTIONS OF TARAPUR AND NON-PROLIFERATION  
WERE NOT RAISED IN MY MEETING WITH HIM, WHICH WAS BASICALLY A  
COURTESY CALL.

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2. HOWEVER, HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW OF MY SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS  
WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI AND FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA (REPORTED TO  
YOU IN SEPARATE CABLES), AND HE IS LIKELY TO RAISE WITH YOU QUES-  
TIONS AS TO WHAT WE INTEND IN THE NUCLEAR NEGOTIATION WE HAVE PRO-  
POSED.

3. AS BACKGROUND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER

IS DEAD-SET AGAINST NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES, FULLY COMMITTED TO TRYING TO HELP PREVENT "NUCLEAR MISUSES", AND EAGER TO HAVE HIS GOVT JOIN IN EXPLORING WITH US HOW OUR POLICY DIFFERENCES IN THE NUCLEAR AREA CAN BE REDUCED, AT THE SAME TIME ANY SUGGESTION OF INDIA SIGNING THE NPT STILL RAISES HACKLES HERE. THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT INDIA'S REFUSAL TO SIGN IT IS BASED ON PRINCIPLE AND A SENSE OF NATIONAL INTEGRITY-- WHICH IS TO SAY, INDIA WILL NOT SIGN A TREATY THAT ACCORDS HER SECOND CLASS CITIZENSHIP, WHEREIN SHE IS ASKED TO ACCEPT CONSTRAINTS THAT THE BIG POWERS DO NOT THEMSELVES ACCEPT. "FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS" ALSO REMAINS A VERY TOUCHY ISSUE FOR THE SAME REASON AND BECAUSE AN AIM OF INDIA FOR A LONG TIME HAS BEEN TO BECOME A SELF-RELIANT AS POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT. CONSIDERABLE PRIDE IS TAKEN IN THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP HER OWN NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES, QUITE APART FROM THE TROUBLESOME 1974 PNE.

4. IN MY TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY I HAVE EMPHASIZED OUR COMMON ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE --IN DESAI'S WORDS, "A WORLD IMMUNIZED FROM NUCLEAR MISUSE". I HAVE ALSO SAID THAT WHAT WE SEEK IN THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS IS A COLLABORATIVE EXPLORATION, IN GOODFAITH, OF BOTH COMMON INTERESTS AND POINTS OF DIFFERENCE, WITH THE AIM (1) OF GAINING A BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE APPROACHES; AND, WE WOULD HOPE, (2) OF THUS BUILDING NEW GROUND FOR EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTROL OF THE MORE DANGEROUS FORMS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE LESS WE SEEM DIDACTIC, THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO HAVE THIS INDIAN GOVT MEET US HALF-WAY.

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5. FINALLY, NOW THAT THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF THIS TARAPUR RESUPPLY IS BEHIND US, WE HERE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU SHOULD URGE ON VAJPAYEE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO GETTING ON WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED AND WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY. SPECIFICALLY THE FM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DESIGNATE AS APPROPRIATE OFFICER (PREFERABLY FROM OUR STAND POINT FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA) TO MEET WITH JOE NYE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME TO SET UP THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS. I UNDERSTAND MEHTA WILL ATTEND YOUR MEETING WITH VAJPAYEE.

6. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO PARIS FOR THE SECRETARY.  
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